## **Amendments to the Claims**

Please enter the following amendments to the claims:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A parts assembly for a prosthesis, particularly a cervical spine intervertebral disc prosthesis, comprising two base parts, which are coupled to one another in an articulated manner by means of coupling parts formed on the base parts, wherein the base parts are in each case formed in one piece with an associated coupling part, wherein the base parts and the their associated coupling parts are made of the same material, which is a material selected from the following group of materials[[;]]: polyetherketone (PEK), polyetheretherketone (PEKK), polyetherketoneketone (PEKK) and polyetherketoneetherketone (PEKK).
- 2. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according to Claim 1, wherein an anatomically adapted contact surface is formed on a respective outer side of the two base parts.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according Claim 1, wherein an anti-rotation means is formed on each of the two base parts.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according to Claim 3, wherein the antirotation means comprises a web arranged on the respective outer side.

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5. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according to claim 1, wherein the two base

parts are coupled to one another in an articulated manner by means of a sliding

connection.

6. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according to Claim 5, wherein the sliding

connection is embodied by means of a sliding surface formed on one of the coupling

parts and a countersliding surface, which is adapted to the sliding surface and is formed

on another of the coupling parts, wherein the sliding surface is slidably supported on the

countersliding surface in the coupled state of the two base parts.

7. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according to Claim 6, wherein the sliding

surface is formed on a hemispherical protrusion on the coupling part.

8. (Previously Presented) The parts assembly according to Claim 6, wherein the sliding

surface and the countersliding surface are coated with a coating material based on a

chromium-nickel alloy.

9. (Currently Amended) The parts assembly according to claim 1, wherein at least one of (i)

the two base parts[[, ]] or (ii) the coupling parts[[, or both are]] is at least partially coated.

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10. (Currently Amended) The parts assembly according to [[claim 2]] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein <u>at</u>

least one of (i) the anatomically adapted contact surfaces[[,]] or (ii) the webs[[, or both]]

have a material coating.

11. (Currently Amended) A part for a prosthesis parts assembly, particularly a cervical spine

intervertebral disc prosthesis part, comprising a base part and a coupling part formed on

the base part for articulated coupling to another base part, wherein the base part and the

coupling part are formed in one piece, and made of the same material, which is a material

selected from the following group of materials: polyetherketone (PEK),

polyetheretherketone (PEEK), polyacryletherketone (PAEK), polyetherketoneketone

(PEKK), polyetherketoneethexketoneketone (PEKEKK) and polyetherketoneetherketone

(PEKEK).

12. (Previously Presented) The part according to Claim 11, wherein an anatomically adapted

contact surface on an outer side of the base part is provided.

13. (Previously Presented) The part according to Claim 11, wherein an anti-rotation means

on the outer side of the base part is provided.

14. (Previously Presented) The part according to Claim 13, wherein the anti-rotation means

comprises a web arranged on the outer side.

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- 15. (Previously Presented) The part according to claim 11, wherein a sliding surface is formed on the coupling part.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The part according to Claim 15, wherein the sliding surface is curved.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The part according to Claim 15, wherein the sliding surface is coated with a material based on a chromium-nickel alloy.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The part according to claim 11, wherein an at least partial material coating of at least one of (i) the base part[[,]] or (ii) the coupling part [[parts, or both]] is provided.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The part according to [[claim 12]] <u>claim 14</u>, wherein <u>at least one of</u>
  (i) the anatomically adapted contact [[surfaces,]] <u>surface or (ii)</u> the [[webs, or both]] <u>web</u>
  have a material coating.